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THE FIRST FRUITS

The first real fruits of the Ku Klux Klan are beginning to appear about the country. A whole county in Louisiana is torn to shreds. Citizens are arrayed in armed camps against each other. Last August the reformers went out in their night shirts to correct some of the evils of the community. They either purposely or found it necessary to do so, killed two white men of the town and weighted their bodies and dropped them into the lake. The bodies have just been found. The Governor of the State and the federal authorities are seeking to find the murderers and of course the Klan section of the community is arrayed against any further exposure. Militia are on guard and dynamite is being brought into use and men lie awake at night on their arms. The former mayor of the town has been arrested in Baltimore charged with the murder, but of course he is only one of many who will be so charged. His friends are raising money to fight for him and the officials are determined to prosecute.

Thus, the people of that county who supposed that it was a fine thing for some of them to put on nightshirts and go out to whip a few bootleggers, have, in addition to bootleggers, a civil war on their hands, and their community so rent and torn that it will never recover from the wounds in a generation.

Yet, there are people so shortsighted that they think it a good thing to mask passion, ignorance, misplaced piety, sectarian and race prejudice, personal animosities and hatreds, in disguise and go out to "clean up" a few straggling bootleggers and others whose evils are not one tenth so great as the new evils that grow out of the nightshirt raids.

Greensboro Adds Women to Police Force

Said to be the first policewoman in North Carolina, Miss Louise B. Alexander, lawyer, state president of the North Carolina League of Women voters, and well known woman in the city and in many parts of the state, has joined the Greensboro police force, effective January 1, 1923, and thereafter will be one of Chief George P. Crutchfield's regular bluecoats.

Miss Alexander will be a "bluecoat" in name only, however, for present plans call for the greater part of her work to be inside the police station. She will have charge of the recently established identification bureau, including finger print and photographic work, and will have a special task in the examination and investigation of women criminals.

The addition of Miss Alexander to the police force is not only a distinctly new move for the city, but Chief Crutchfield said last night that Greensboro's newest addition to the force was the first he had ever heard of in North Carolina. Miss Alexander said also that she knew of no other policewoman in the state.

"I'm following good precedent, though," Miss Alexander said. "Dr. Anna Howard Shaw was sworn in as a policewoman in Washington during the war and I think that she is a good person to follow."

Both Chief Crutchfield and Miss Alexander said they were glad of the arrangement. The chief said the move had been contemplated for some time. The department has recently installed a complete identification system for criminals, including a finger print department and a photograph department besides the usual card system. There is a big future to this work, the chief thinks, and he has been anxious to have it expertly handled. It is, by the way, the first of its kind in the state, said the chief.

Furthermore, the department has long needed a woman to work especially with women criminals. All work of this kind has necessarily been done hitherto by the men on the force, and a good part of the work has been handicapped by not having a woman to deal with women. Under the direction of Miss Alexander, said the chief, he felt sure there would be noticeable improvement in this detail of police work.

Miss Alexander said she was glad of the opportunity. She thinks there is a tremendous amount of good that can be accomplished through the identification bureau and the work with women. "When the proposal was put to me," she said last night, "I leaped at it."

Miss Alexander will not completely give up her law practice though virtually all her time will be employed to police work. She is the only woman lawyer in Greensboro and one of the half dozen or more in the state. She has been practicing in the city about two years.

Judge Brock Will Locate in Winston

It has been an open secret for some time among Judge Walter E. Brock's friends that at the expiration of his term on the bench he would begin the practice of law in Winston-Salem, and a few days ago the Judge made public announcement of the fact, says Wadesboro Messenger & Intelligence. He has held his last term of court as Judge, and expects, in the new few days, to go to Winston-Salem and open his new offices. He has made no announcement as to whether he will associated with any one, but it is generally understood that a strong legal firm will be formed with him as one of the partners. Mrs. Brock

and the children will remain here until next summer.

The citizens of Wadesboro and of Anson generally will be sorry that Judge Brock has decided to throw in his lot with another city. Coming to Wadesboro about 17 years ago, he has been a forceful factor in the life of the town ever since. Elected mayor soon after becoming a citizen of the town, he was an excellent official, and it was during his administration that the paving of the business section was laid. He was for a time judge of the recorder's court, and later he came into statewide notice as secretary of the Democratic state committee. Later he became solicitor of the thirteenth judicial district, and filled this office to the satisfaction of his constituency until he was appointed to the bench by Governor Morrison about a year ago. Since going on the bench Judge Brock has held court in practically all sections of the state, and has made a remarkable record. Considering the short time that he has served, few if any superior court judges have received the commendation and praise which have been showered on him by the bar and the press of the state.

Order in the Court Room:
"Get the prisoner's name and then go tell his mother."
"Platz, y'r honor, don't you think his mother knows his name?"

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF CITY PROPERTY

By virtue of the authority vested in me as trustee in a certain deed of trust executed to me on the 23rd day of March, 1920, by Festus Cuthbertson to John C. Sikes, trustee, which deed of trust is recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Union County, North Carolina, in Book A.X., page 702, default having been made in the payment of the notes secured by said deed of trust, and at the request of the holder of said notes, I will on

Monday, the 29th day of January, 1923, sell at public auction at the court house door in Monroe, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock, M., to the highest bidder for cash, all that piece or parcel of property described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Windsor and Jackson Sts., and runs thence a northerly direction 180 ft. in Jackson St. to Alley D; thence in a westerly direction along Alley D 52 ft. to a new corner; thence in a southerly direction, and parallel with Jackson St., 180 ft. to Windsor St., a new corner; thence in an easterly direction 52 ft. on Windsor St. to the beginning corner and containing 52 x 180 square feet, and being the property deeded to Festus Cuthbertson by N. M. Redfern and D. L. Middleton.

This December 26, 1922.

JOHN C. SIKES, Trustee.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain deed of trust, executed by V. W. Waiters to the undersigned trustee, which said deed of trust was given to secure certain notes mentioned therein, and default having been made in the payment of said notes, I will on SATURDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, at 12 o'clock M., at the courthouse door in Monroe, N. C., offer for sale the following described tract of land, lying and being in Marshville Township, Union County, North Carolina, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone in Mrs. Griffith's line, and runs thence N 11 3/4 W 33.9 chs to a stone by a holly bush, wild cherry and pine; thence S 86 E 131.5 chs to an iron pin in the Marshville Road; thence with the various courses of said road as follows: 1st, S 30 W 5.55 chs; 2d, S 37 W 14 chs; 3d, S 22 E 12.50 chs to an iron pin in said road; thence N 87 3/4 W 12.5 chs to the beginning, containing 30.70 acres.

This being the same tract of land conveyed by the said V. W. Waiters to E. H. Johnson and A. A. Secrest, of trust securing the purchase price thereof, recorded in book AX.

TERMS OF SALE—CASH

This December 23d, 1922.

W. B. LOVE, Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina—Union County.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed by S. E. Hamilton and wife, Lillie A. Hamilton, on the 12th day of March, 1921, and duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Union County in Book A-1, page 281, default having been made in the payment of the obligation therein secured, the undersigned trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Monroe, N. C., at 12 o'clock noon, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1923, the following described real estate, lying and being in Marshville and New Salem townships, Union County, North Carolina, and more particularly described and defined as follows:

Adjoining the lands of T. A. Ross, W. G. Long, estate lands of M. W. Hem Lion and others—beginning at a white oak stump and stone in the north side of the College road and runs thence the said road N. 83 1/2 E. 43 poles to an iron stake; thence N. 76 1/2 E. 11 1/2 poles to a stake; thence N. 18 1/2 W. 33 poles to a white oak in a branch; thence down said branch N. 46 W. 2 chains to a stake; thence N. 63 W. 5 chains to a stake; thence N. 22 W. 19 chains to a hickory; thence N. 53 E. 124 poles to a pine knot; thence S. 56 E. 19 poles to a stake; thence S. 71 1/2 E. 44 poles to a stake; thence S. 14 E. 47 1/2 poles to a pine knot; thence S. 82 1/2 W. 13 1/2 poles to a p. oak; thence S. 53 1/2 W. 32 1/2 poles to a stake and a stone; thence S. 44 1/2 W. 97.60 poles to a pine knot and stone; thence S. 36 1/2 W. 15 poles to a stake and stone in a branch; thence down said branch N. 87 W. 54 poles to a stake; thence S. 52 W. 2 poles to a stake and some stones; thence N. 31 W. 109 poles to the beginning, containing 240 acres and known as the Stanley Hamilton place, excepting, however, 117.22 acres conveyed by S. E. Hamilton and wife to J. T. Nance by deed dated Sept. 7th, 1920, recorded in Register's office in Book 60, page 145. Sold to satisfy the provisions of said deed of trust. This December 23rd, 1922.

W. S. BLAKENEY, Trustee.

HISTORY'S MYSTERIES

THE BURDELL MURDER

WHENEVER a mysterious murder case finds space upon the first pages of New York newspapers and begins to command nation-wide attention it is fairly certain that, sooner or later, the commentators will commence to draw comparisons between its details and those of the Burdell affair, one of the most mysterious crimes in the annals of the metropolitan police force, a murder which included every element of the sensational and bizarre.

Dr. Harvey Burdell, the chief figure in the mystery, was a dentist who, solely through his own efforts had built up a wide and extensive practice in the city and had been connected with at least three approaches to matrimony which had resulted in pre-nuptial quarrels and consequent severance of agreements. At the time of his death, Dr. Burdell had been living in a house rented by a Mrs. Cunningham, the dentist using one of the front rooms for his office and sleeping at the rear. He kept only one servant, a combination office-boy and valet who slept outside the house. The only residents of the building were a manufacturer named Eckel and George V. Snodgrass, the son of a clergyman.

One rainy afternoon Dr. Burdell left the house about five o'clock and, as several persons afterwards testified, walked in the direction of Broadway up Chambers street. Mrs. Cunningham and her two other lodgers were in the house all evening, but heard nothing which seemed in the least out of the ordinary, retiring at the usual hour.

Early the next morning, the office boy attempted to enter Dr. Burdell's office in order to attend to his usual round of cleaning and found that the door appeared to be jammed by some heavy object pressing against it from the inside. Pushing harder, the door finally gave way and the servant staggered into the room, only to be halted by the sight of his employer lying upon the floor, fully dressed and with the light still burning brightly. The corpse, however, was covered with clotted blood and there were large splashes of blood over practically every piece of furniture in the room, as well as on the floor, the walls and a portion of the ceiling. The dentist had evidently put up a hard fight for his life but had finally succumbed to the more than a dozen wounds found upon his body—wounds which had very evidently been made by a long, slender dagger, something on the order of a stiletto.

Further to complicate matters, the investigations of the police developed that at least two persons had been connected with the crime—one of them having partially throttled the dentist by means of a thin cord, while the other had repeatedly stabbed him. The position of the wounds also indicated that one of the assailants was left-handed, for no right-handed person could have delivered blows at the angles of those in Dr. Burdell's body.

Upon the slight evidence presented by the fact that Mrs. Cunningham, the landlady, was left-handed, she was immediately arrested as were Eckel and Snodgrass. But, at the trial, which ensued, the defense was able to riddle the statements of the prosecution, with ridiculous ease, presenting a number of counter questions which were still unsolved by the theory of the police that Mrs. Cunningham, with the aid of her lodgers, had killed Dr. Burdell. Among these were:

Where had the dentist been during the time which elapsed between five o'clock when he left the house and midnight, the hour at which the murder had been committed? A number of persons had seen him go out, but no one had seen him return.

Why had the noise of the struggle not aroused a woman in the next house, separated only by a very thin wall? What were the papers which had been burned in the fireplace of the murder-chamber? If Mrs. Cunningham, Eckel or Snodgrass had been implicated in the crime, why did none of their clothes bear the slightest stain of blood, while the room where Dr. Burdell had been killed was literally smeared with it? And, finally, what was the motive for murder—since the dentist's jewelry and several hundred dollars in cash had not been touched?

After the trial, which lasted only three days and resulted in the immediate acquittal of Mrs. Cunningham, the landlady sprang another sensation when she declared that she had been married to Dr. Burdell and that she was entitled to his estate. Her contention, however, was never fully established and she lost her suit for the property of the dead man, finally dying in poverty in a tiny flat in Harlem, while Dr. Burdell's brother went insane as a result of the strain of the trial and Eckel died in the Albany penitentiary, while serving a sentence in connection with the whisky frauds.

Years have elapsed since the Burdell murder, but today the case is just as much of a mystery as it was upon that morning early in January when the body of the dentist was discovered by his valet.

Natural.
Mr. Shott—How do you like these new pay-as-you-enter gaten?
Mr. Pott—Seem kind of natural. Just like entering my house on Saturday night.

Special Notices

One cent a word each insertion.

IMPOUNDED—A red horse-colt, six months old. Owner can get same by paying for this ad and for keep.—J. O. Caldwell, Rock Rest, Monroe Rt. 1.

30c PLUG TOBACCO 20c.—T. P. Redwine.

FOR RENT—New five-room residence just outside city limits.—A. A. Secrest.

BLOOMING NARCISUS—Call Miss Amelia Krauss.

FOR RENT—My Doster place, 2 horse farm, 3 miles south of town, for man to furnish stock.—G. W. Tyler, Mineral Springs, Route 1.

ALL PERSONS are hereby forbidden under penalty of law to hire, harbor or in any way assist my daughter, Virginia Harrell, ginger coke color, broken voice, who has left my employ without cause.—Hood Harrell.

30c PLUG TOBACCO 20c.—T. P. Redwine.

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NOTICE
North Carolina, Union County; in the Superior Court.

W. L. Stogner vs. Lillian Stogner. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Union County, North Carolina, for an absolute divorce on the grounds of adultery of the defendant; and said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the term of Superior Court of said county to be held on the 19th day of February, 1923, at the court house of said county in Monroe, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 29th day of December, 1922.

R. W. LEMMOND, C. S. C.

NOTICE
for
FILING INCOME TAX RETURNS.

The following must file returns before March 15, 1923:

Every person with net income of \$1,000, if single.

Every person with net income of \$2,000, if married.

Every person with a gross income of \$5,000.

Every incorporated company, without exception.

Every partnership, with any exception.

Every employer must report all salaries of \$1,000, or more, and to whom paid.

Returns must be on time even if "no tax" is due.

Fill your return now and take no chances of a penalty.

Address all returns and mail to "U. S." Collector Internal Revenue, William Grissom, Raleigh, N. C.

Observing Ole

"Some girls' faces ain't worth the skin they are painted on."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Friendly Church"

SUNDAY, DEC. 31, 1922.

Teaching Service—Bible School for all departments, ten o'clock.

Preaching Service 11:00 and 7:00 o'clock. Theme for morning sermon—Oblivion and Renewal.

Previous to the evening sermon the pastor wishes to make a statement regarding the Ku Klux Klan.

Evening sermon topic — Ours Yesterdays and Tomorrows.

"OUR HEART'S RIGHT HAND WE GIVE YOU."

For Sale

100 Bushels Good Eating Apples, Spargers and Limbertwigs, \$1.00 bushel, 30c peck. Bring your sack.

T. P. Redwine.

NOTICE TO FARMERS AND SELLERS OF SEED

Our mill will be closed down until about the 10th of January when we expect to start up and finish the season.

Please get in your remnants of seed before then, as we will not be able to pay as much, or give as good exchange after we are through crushing.

If you are in need of meal or hulls it will pay you to see us before you buy, as we may be in position to save you money.

Our rate of exchange is One Ton good cotton seed meal for one ton seed.

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